

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content reproduction apparatus, comprising:

a group ID storage section ~~for storing~~ configured to store a group ID produced uniquely according to a in a unit of a user account when said content reproduction apparatus is registered to the in a unit of a user account in ~~into~~ a management server;

a radio transmitter section ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit a content stored in a content storage section to a different apparatus by radio communication;

a radio receiver section ~~for receiving~~ configured to receive a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication;

a reproduction permission/inhibition decision section configured to determine ~~for deciding~~, based on a group ID included in ~~added to the received~~ content ~~received by said radio receiver section~~ and the group ID stored in said group ID storage section, whether or not the content received by said radio receiver section can be reproduced;

a reproduction execution section configured to reproduce ~~for reproducing~~ the content received by said radio receiver section when said reproduction permission/inhibition decision section ~~decides~~ determines that the content can be reproduced;

an ID recording section configured to record in an ID storage section ~~for recording~~ a content ID and group ID corresponding to ~~[[the]]~~ content reproduced by said reproduction execution section ~~and the group ID added to the content into an ID storage section~~; and

a data communication section configured to transmit ~~for transmitting, where a content distribution server which provides a download service of the content and said content reproduction apparatus are connected to each other directly/indirectly, the content ID and the group ID recorded in said ID storage section to said a content distribution server, when the~~

content reproduction apparatus is directly or indirectly connected to the content distribution server.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said content reproduction apparatus includes ~~is composed of~~ a body section and a headphones section, ~~[[and]]~~ said body section includes said radio transmitter section, said ID recording section and said data communication section, and ~~while~~ said headphones section includes said radio receiver section, said reproduction permission/inhibition decision section and said reproduction execution section.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reproduction permission information setting section configured to apply to the content ~~for applying~~ reproduction permission information for permitting reproduction of the content to be transmitted from said radio transmitter section ~~to the content.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said reproduction permission/inhibition decision section determines ~~decides~~ whether ~~or not~~ the content can be reproduced based on the reproduction permission information applied to the content received by said radio receiver section.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display control section configured to output a message to a display apparatus ~~for outputting~~, when said radio receiver section receives a content

transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication, the message indicating reception of the content ~~that the content is received to a display apparatus.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reproduction control section configured to control ~~for controlling~~, when said radio receiver section receives a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication, said reproduction execution section to interrupt reproduction of a content stored in a storage medium provided in said content reproduction apparatus and reproduce the content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication.

Claim 7 (Original): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said reproduction control section controls, when said radio receiver section receives a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication and reliability information included in the content has a value higher than a predetermined value, said reproduction control section to interrupt the reproduction of the content stored in the storage medium provided in said content reproduction apparatus and reproduce the content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The content reproduction apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said reproduction control section controls, when said radio receiver section receives a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication and the group ID included in the content and the group ID provided from ~~[[a]]~~ the distribution server ~~for providing the download service and having a high degree of reliability~~ coincide with each other, said reproduction control section to interrupt the reproduction of the content stored in

the storage medium provided in said content reproduction apparatus and reproduce the content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A content processing apparatus, comprising:

a connection decision section configured to decide whether to connect to ~~for deciding connection with~~ a content reproduction apparatus which stores a group ID produced uniquely according to a user account in a unit of a user ~~in a unit of a user~~ when said content processing apparatus is registered in the user account in a unit of a user ~~into~~ a management server;

a first communication section configured to communicate with the content reproduction apparatus for receiving, when [[the]] connection is decided by said connection decision section, the first communication section receiving a content ID corresponding to content reproduced by the content reproduction apparatus and the group ID stored in said content reproduction apparatus;

a second communication section configured to communicate with a content distribution server, the second communication section transmitting ~~for transmitting~~ the content ID and the group ID to [[a]] the content distribution server which provides a content download service of a content; and

a content storage section for storing [[a]] additional content corresponding to the content ID transmitted from said content distribution server and received through said second communication section, [[;]] the contents stored in said content storage section being transmitted to said content reproduction apparatus through said first communication section.

Claim 10 (Original): The content processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said second communication section receives reliability information corresponding to the group ID from said content distribution server, and

said first communication section transmits the reliability information received by said second communication section to said content reproduction apparatus.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The content processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said second communication section receives a reliable group ID ~~having a high degree of reliability~~ from said content distribution server, and

said first communication section transmits the received reliable group ID ~~having a high degree of reliability~~ to said content reproduction apparatus.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): A content distribution server, comprising:

a content database in which content IDs and contents are stored in an associated relationship with each other;

a reliability information database in which group IDs each produced uniquely in a unit of a user when a content reproduction apparatus is registered in a unit of a user into a management server and reliability information are stored in an associated relationship with each other;

a data receiver section for receiving a content ID and a group ID stored in said content reproduction apparatus directly/indirectly;

a content search section for searching for a content corresponding to the content ID;

a reliability information updating section for updating, when a group ID and a content ID are received by said data receiver section, reliability information corresponding to the group ID; and

a data transmitter section for transmitting the content searched out by said search section to said content reproduction apparatus directly/indirectly.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The content distribution server according to claim 12, wherein said content search section searches, when said data receiver section receives the group ID, reliability information corresponding to the group ID, and said data transmitter section transmits the reliability information to said content reproduction apparatus directly/indirectly.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The content distribution server according to claim 12, further comprising a reward setting section for setting, in response to the reliability information, a reward to the corresponding group ID.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A content reproduction controlling method for controlling a content reproduction apparatus to reproduce a content, comprising:

~~a group ID storage step of storing, into a group ID storage section, a group ID produced uniquely in accordance with a user account~~ a unit of a user when said content reproduction apparatus is registered in the user account on ~~a unit of a user~~ into a management server;

~~a radio transmission step of transmitting, via a radio transmitter, a content stored in a content storage section to a different apparatus by radio communication;~~

~~a radio reception step of receiving, via a radio receiver, a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication;~~

~~a reproduction permission/inhibition decision step of deciding, in a permission/inhibition decision section and based on a group ID included in~~ added to the received content and the group ID stored in said group ID storage section, whether or not the received content can be reproduced;

~~a reproduction execution step of reproducing, in a content reproduction section, the~~  
received content when it is content reproduction is decided at the reproduction  
~~permission/inhibition decision step that the content can be reproduced;~~

~~an ID recording step of recording a content ID and group ID corresponding to the~~  
reproduced content ~~and the group ID added to the content~~ into an ID storage section; and

~~a data communication step of transmitting, from a transmitter, where a content~~  
~~distribution server which provides a download service of the content and said content~~  
~~reproduction apparatus are connected to each other directly/indirectly, the content ID and the~~  
group ID recorded in said ID storage section to said content distribution server, when the  
content reproduction apparatus and a content distribution server are directly or indirectly  
connected.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A content processing method for controlling a  
content processing apparatus to process a content, comprising:

~~a connection decision step of deciding, in a connection decider, whether to connect to~~  
~~connection with~~ a content reproduction apparatus which stores a group ID produced uniquely  
according to a user account in a unit of a user when said content processing apparatus is  
registered in the user account on a unit of a user into a management server;

~~a first communication step of receiving, at a received and~~ when ~~[[the]]~~ connection to  
said content reproduction apparatus is decided, content ID corresponding to content  
reproduced in the content reproduction apparatus and the group ID stored in said content  
reproduction apparatus;

~~a second communication step of transmitting, from a transmitter, the content ID and~~  
the group ID to a content distribution server which provides a content download ~~service of a~~  
~~content;~~

~~a content storage step of storing a~~ additional content corresponding to the content ID received from said content distribution server into a content storage section; and

~~a transmission step of transmitting the stored~~ additional contents to said content reproduction apparatus.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions thereon, the computer-readable instructions when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform the method comprising: ~~computer program for causing a content reproduction apparatus to execute:~~

~~a group ID storage process of storing, into a group ID storage section of a content reproduction apparatus, a group ID produced uniquely according to a user account in a unit of a user~~ when said content reproduction apparatus is registered in the user account on a unit of a user into a management server;

~~a radio transmission process of transmitting, from the content reproduction apparatus,~~ a content stored in a content storage section to a different apparatus by radio communication;

~~a radio reception process of receiving, at the content reproduction apparatus,~~ a content transmitted from the different apparatus by radio communication;

~~a reproduction permission/inhibition decision process of deciding, based on a group ID included in added to the received content and the group ID stored in said group ID storage section, whether or not the received content can be reproduced;~~

~~a reproduction execution process of reproducing the received content when~~ content reproduction ~~[[it]] is decided at the reproduction permission/inhibition decision process that the content can be reproduced;~~

~~an ID recording process of recording a content ID corresponding to the reproduced content and the group ID added to the content into an ID storage section; and~~



~~a data communication process of transmitting, from the content reproduction apparatus where a content distribution server which provides a download service of the content and said content reproduction apparatus are connected to each other directly/indirectly, the content ID and the group ID recorded in said ID storage section to said content distribution server, when the content reproduction apparatus and the content distribution server are directly or indirectly connected.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions thereon, the computer-readable instructions when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform the method comprising: computer program for causing a content processing apparatus to execute:

~~a connection decision process of deciding, at a content processing apparatus, whether to connect to connection with a content reproduction apparatus which stores a group ID produced uniquely according to a user account in a unit of a user when said content processing apparatus is registered in the user account on a unit of a user into a management server;~~

~~a first communication process of receiving, at the content processing apparatus, when the connection to said content reproduction apparatus is decided, content ID corresponding to reproduced content and the group ID stored in said content reproduction apparatus;~~

~~a second communication process of transmitting the content ID and the group ID to a content distribution server which provides a content download service of a content;~~

~~a content storage steps of storing [[a]] additional content corresponding to the content ID and received from said content distribution server into a content storage section of the content processing apparatus; and~~

~~a transmission process of~~ transmitting the additional stored contents to said content reproduction apparatus.